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Application No.: 10/550,688 ) Group Art Unit: 2814  
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Filed: July 14, 2006 ) Examiner: Long Pham  
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For: PHOTODIODE ARRAY AND )  
PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF, )  
AND RADIATION DETECTOR )

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
**Customer Window, Mail Stop Amendment**  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.97(b)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO Form 1449. To the best of the undersigned's knowledge, this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application. Accordingly, Applicant does not believe that a fee is due for filing this paper.

A European Search Report dated April 2, 2007 that issued in a European patent application and having documents cited therein is attached for the Examiner's consideration. Cited documents are listed on the attached PTO Form 1449 and are also attached hereto.

While the European Search Report dated April 2, 2007 additionally cites to JP 2003-86827, JP 2003-86826, JP 5-121711, and JP 11-297975, these documents are not listed on the

attached PTO Form 1449 because they were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement in this application on July 14, 2006.

The relevance of the attached foreign language document can be understood from the attached English-language abstract, and/or from the citation of this document in the attached European Search Report dated April 2, 2007. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached PTO Form 1449.

This submission does not represent that a search has been made or that no better art exists and does not constitute an admission that the listed documents are material or constitute "prior art." If it should be determined that any of the listed documents do not constitute "prior art" under United States law, Applicant reserves the right to present to the Office the relevant facts and law regarding the appropriate status of such document.

Applicant further reserves the right to take appropriate action to establish the patentability of the disclosed invention over any of the listed documents, should any of the documents be applied against the claims of the present application.

**EXCEPT** for issue fees payable under 37 C.F.R. § 1.18, the Commissioner is hereby authorized by this paper to charge any additional fees during the entire pendency of this application including fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required, including any required extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0573.

This paragraph is intended to be a **CONSTRUCTIVE PETITION FOR EXTENIONS OF TIME** in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.13(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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